

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Reference is made to commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers:

U.S. Patent No. 6,457,822 _____ by Chen et al., ~~filed of even date herewith (Docket 82818), entitled "Ink Jet Printing Method";~~

U.S. Patent No. 6,541,599 _____ by Wang, ~~filed of even date herewith (Docket 83086), entitled "Process for Manufacture of Soluble, Highly Branched Polyamides, And At Least Partially Aliphatic Highly Branched Polyamides Obtained Therefrom";~~

U.S. Patent No. 6,541,600 _____ by Wang et al., ~~filed of even date herewith (Docket 82298), entitled "Water Soluble and Dispersible Highly Branched Polyamides";~~

U.S. Patent No. 6,525,170 _____ by Wang, ~~filed of even date herewith (Docket 82401), entitled "Highly Branched Polyesters Through One Step Polymerization Process";~~ and

U.S. Patent No. 6,353,082 09/697,205 by Wang, ~~filed October 26, 2000, entitled "Highly Branched Polyesters Through One Step Polymerization Process".--~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Hyperbranched polymers which may be used in this invention containing a dye either as a pendant group or in the backbone are described in ~~co-pending Application Serial No. _____~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,541,600 by Wang et al., ~~filed of even date herewith (Docket 82298), entitled "Water Soluble and Dispersible Highly Branched Polyamides"~~ referred to above, and U.S. Patent 6,252,025, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--